

Serial Application No. 09/245,596

a cutting assembly slidably mounted to said frame for sliding along a movement axis toward and away from said receiving area;

a cutting blade connected to said cutting assembly, said cutting blade including a cutting edge facing said receiving area; and

a driver connected and in engagement with said cutting assembly for imparting sliding motion to said cutting assembly to move said cutting blade along the movement axis toward and away from said receiving area, wherein said cutting edge of said cutting blade remains substantially parallel to the substantially flat cutting surface during movement along the movement axis, wherein said cutting edge of said cutting blade abuts against said substantially flat cutting surface during a cutting operation.

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and fc* Claim 11, line 1, change "claim 2" to --claim 38--.

REMARKS

The present Supplemental Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2000. Attached hereto is a petition requesting a three-month extension of time to reset the deadline for responding to the Office Action from October 12, 2000 to and including January 12, 2001.

As discussed during a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on January 8, 2001, an Amendment is response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2000 was submitted to the Patent Office on October 13, 2000. The Amendment was *bona fide* as defined in MPEP 714.03, but contained a "serious omission" because no amendment was made to claim 38. However, as pointed out during the above-mentioned telephone conference, the "Remarks" section of the Amendment clearly set forth Applicants' intention to amend claim 38. Specifically, the Amendment at page 2, lines 19-21, states "claim 38 has been amended to add the recitation 'wherein said cutting edge of said

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